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Dear Potential Applicant,

Participating in AmeriCorps is a great way to serve and learn. If you are interested in being an AppleCorps Member that serves as a reading tutor in a local school and gains invaluable training and experience, this might be the perfect opportunity for you.

Members are currently serving in schools throughout Santa Barbara County and we are always interested in talking to potential members. The official start of our program year is the beginning of August with preparing members for starting at schools in mid to late August. Applicant interviews begin in April for the August program start. Interviews continue throughout the summer as needed to fill all the allocated positions.

Full-time Members serve 40 hours per week and receive a living allowance of \$14,000, health benefits, and an Education Award of \$5,350 (when 1700 hours are successfully completed). Part-time Members serve 25 hours per week and receive a living allowance of \$7,500 and an Education Award of \$2,675 (when 900 hours are successfully completed).

In previous years, our Member Team has been extremely diverse, ranging in age from 18-80 years old, some having only a high school degree and others with master degrees and many years of teaching experience. A few Members are already fully retired and simply interested in working with children in the schools. What all of the Members have in common is a passion for making a difference in the lives of our young people and our communities.

Please check out the position descriptions if you are interested in really making a difference in young people's lives! Our members' primarily serve as reading tutors and assist low performing readers individually and in small groups. Secondarily, members assist school sites in generating and managing long-term volunteer reading tutors and short-term volunteers for episodic events.

Members enthusiastically report that their year of service offers them new skills, a valuable experience, and often a whole new focus or direction in life. Many members use this experience to decide if they want to pursue teaching as a career. We recently developed a Teacher Track within the program. Please give us a call if you have any questions about this opportunity. We look forward to speaking with you and hope you will thoroughly review our website: www.americorpstutors.org. Again, thank you for your interest!

Sincerely,

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